

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 1, 22, 23, 24, 25, 47, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63. No new matter has been added.

Claims 14 – 25 are requested to be canceled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1 – 13 are now pending in this application.

It is requested that the amendment at page 1, line 4, be entered to accurately reflect the claim for priority.

It is also requested that the amendments at pages 22-25, 55, and 57-63 be entered to reflect the changes in the Formal Drawings which are being submitted concurrently herewith. The drawing Figures 4A, 5A, 9A, 9b, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D and 12B have been deleted. Figure 4B has been renumbered as Figures 4A and B; Figure 5B has been renumbered as Figure 5; Figures 10A and 10B have been renumbered as Figures 9A and 9B; Figures 12A, 12C and 12D have respectively been renumbered as Figures 10A, 10B and 10C; and Figures 13A and 13B have been renumbered as Figures 11A and 11B.

The changes to the Drawings have been made to avoid rejections of the Draftsperson similar to those stated on the PTO 948 dated March 25, 2000 in parent application Serial No. 09/476,484. Figures 4A, 5A, 9A, 9b, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D and 12B are being canceled solely because the original micrographs have been misplaced and the quality of the micrograph copies that are available to Applicants will not be accepted by the Draftsperson. The material

that was disclosed in original Figures 4A, 5A, 9A, 9b, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D and 12B is adequately disclosed in the originally filed specification. *See, e.g.*, the Brief Description of the Figures section beginning on page 21 and the Examples section beginning on page 45. Figures 4A, 5A, 9A, 9b, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D and 12B are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Exemplary support for the subject matter added to the paragraph starting at page 55, line 1 is found in the specification on page 22, lines 6-8. Exemplary support for the subject matter added to the paragraph starting at page 55, line 15 is found on page 22, lines 13-17. Exemplary support for the subject matter added on page 57 at line 26 is found in the specification on page 23, lines 15-24. Exemplary support for the subject matter added on page 60 at line 3 is found in the specification on page 24, lines 10-25. Exemplary support for the subject matter added on page 61 at line 3 is found in the specification on page 25, lines 1-6. No new matter is added.

Applicants amended paragraphs on page 47 to insert required references to SEQ ID NOS of the Sequence Listing filed in parent application Serial No. 09/476,484 (copy of which is filed concurrently herewith).

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

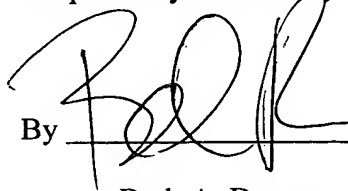
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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